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This Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone April 29-May 2, 2013, among a random sample of 1,000 adults in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including users of both conventional and cellular phones.

The results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. The error margin is four points for the sample of 887 registered voters and five points for the sample of 663 likely gubernatorial election voters. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York. Produced for the Washington Post by Capital Insight.

*= less than 0.5 percent

RV=Registered voters

LV=Likely voters

1. Do you think things in the state of Virginia (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

| | Right direction | Wrong track | No opinion |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 5/2/13 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| 5/2/12 | 49 | 44 | 6 |
| 5/4/11 | 52 | 39 | 9 |
| 8/14/09 | 47 | 45 | 7 |
| 10/8/07 | 52 | 43 | 5 |
| 10/12/06 LV | 67 | 30 | 3 |
| 10/26/05 LV | 70 | 25 | 5 |
| 9/9/05 RV | 65 | 31 | 4 |
| 8/23/01 RV | 59 | 34 | 7 |
| 8/27/00 RV | 71 | 22 | 7 |
| 6/23/94 RV | 53 | 38 | 8 |
| 2/3/94 | 55 | 36 | 9 |

Questions 2 thorough 4 held for release.

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as governor?

| | ----- Approve ----- | | | ----- Disapprove ----- | | | No opinion |
|------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | |
| 5/2/13 | 62 | 17 | 45 | 25 | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| 5/2/13 RV | 64 | 19 | 44 | 27 | 14 | 13 | 9 |
| 9/16/12 RV | 58 | 24 | 34 | 27 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 5/2/12 | 56 | 18 | 39 | 35 | 19 | 16 | 8 |
| 5/2/12 RV | 58 | 18 | 40 | 36 | 19 | 16 | 7 |
| 5/4/11 | 62 | 21 | 40 | 26 | 13 | 14 | 12 |
| 5/4/11 RV | 64 | 23 | 41 | 26 | 12 | 13 | 11 |

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as attorney general?



| | ----- Approve ----- | | | ----- Disapprove ----- | | | No |
|--------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 5/2/13 | 46 | 12 | 34 | 31 | 11 | 20 | 24 |
| 5/4/11 | 46 | 18 | 28 | 27 | 10 | 18 | 27 |

7. Generally speaking, how would you rate the overall economy of Virginia: excellent, good, not-so-good or poor?

| | --- Excellent/Good --- | | | --- Not so good/Poor --- | | | No |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------|------|--------------------------|-------------|------|-------|
| | NET | Excellent | Good | NET | Not so good | Poor | opin. |
| 5/2/13 | 61 | 5 | 56 | 38 | 29 | 9 | 1 |
| 5/2/13 RV | 62 | 4 | 58 | 37 | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| 9/9/05 RV | 83 | 12 | 70 | 17 | 14 | 3 | * |
| 10/25/01 LV | 76 | 8 | 68 | 23 | 20 | 3 | 1 |
| 8/23/01 RV | 78 | 9 | 69 | 21 | 18 | 4 | 1 |
| 8/27/00 RV | 87 | 21 | 67 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| 10/27/97 LV | 83 | 16 | 67 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 1 |
| 9/16/97 RV | 82 | 15 | 68 | 17 | 13 | 4 | 1 |

8. How closely are you following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

| | ---- Closely ---- | | | ---- Not closely ---- | | | No |
|-------------|-------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | NET | Very | Smwt. | NET | Not so | At all | opinion |
| 5/2/13 | 48 | 10 | 38 | 52 | 27 | 25 | * |
| 10/25/09 LV | 89 | 39 | 50 | 11 | 9 | 2 | * |
| 10/7/09 LV | 87 | 33 | 54 | 13 | 11 | 2 | * |
| 9/17/09 LV | 84 | 34 | 51 | 15 | 12 | 4 | * |
| 8/14/09 LV | 67 | 25 | 42 | 32 | 23 | 9 | 1 |
| 8/14/09 RV | 48 | 17 | 32 | 51 | 30 | 21 | * |
| 10/26/05 LV | 87 | 31 | 56 | 13 | 10 | 2 | * |
| 9/9/05 LV | 73 | 20 | 53 | 27 | 20 | 7 | * |
| 9/9/05 RV | 59 | 15 | 44 | 41 | 26 | 15 | * |
| 8/23/01 RV | 60 | 16 | 44 | 39 | 26 | 13 | 1 |
| 8/27/00 RV | 61 | 21 | 40 | 38 | 25 | 13 | * |
| 6/23/94 RV | 74 | 27 | 47 | 27 | 18 | 9 | * |
| 2/3/94 | 73 | 27 | 46 | 27 | 18 | 9 | * |
| 9/93 RV | 68 | 21 | 47 | 31 | 21 | 10 | * |

*2009 and earlier: Would you say you are following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

9. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Thinking ahead to that election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for governor? (SINGLE RECORD, DO NOT READ)

| | 5/2/13 | 9/17/09 | 8/14/09 |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | RV | LV | RV |
| Economy/jobs/unemployment | 45 | 27 | 28 |
| Education | 6 | 10 | 8 |
| Taxes | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| Ethics/honesty/ | | | |
| corruption in government | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Guns/Gun control | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Transportation/traffic/ | | | |
| roads and transit | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Health care/Health reform | 2 | 9 | 8 |

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| Political party/party affiliation | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Women's issues/Women's health | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Energy issues/gas prices/cap & trade | 1 | 1 | * |
| Gay marriage | 1 | * | * |
| Government/Growth of government/ government spending | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Immigration/illegal immigration | 1 | * | * |
| Leadership/Get job done | 1 | NA | NA |
| Social issues | 1 | NA | NA |
| State budget/deficit | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Ability to compromise | * | NA | NA |
| Crime | * | * | * |
| Environment/global warming | * | 1 | 1 |
| Gas/oil prices | * | 0 | 0 |
| Housing/mortgages/affordable housing | * | * | 1 |
| Not Ken Cuccinelli | * | NA | NA |
| Obama/Barack Obama | * | 1 | * |
| Terrorism/national security | * | 0 | 0 |
| Other (SPECIFY) | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| None | NA | * | 0 |
| DK/No opinion | 12 | 6 | 14 |

10. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November governor's election: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

| | | Certain to vote | Probably vote | Chances 50/50 | Less than that | Don't think will vote (vol.) | Already voted (vol.) | No op. |
|----------|----|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 5/2/13 | RV | 67 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 0 | * |
| 10/25/09 | RV | 60 | 16 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/7/09 | RV | 53 | 20 | 15 | 9 | 3 | * | 1 |
| 9/17/09 | RV | 53 | 19 | 16 | 9 | 3 | | 1 |
| 8/14/09 | RV | 61 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 2 | | * |
| 9/9/05 | RV | 68 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 1 | | 0 |
| 10/25/01 | RV | 63 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 2 | | 1 |
| 8/23/01 | RV | 68 | 16 | 10 | 5 | 1 | | * |
| 8/27/00 | RV | 76 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 1 | | * |

11. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election were being held today and the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat) and (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

| | | McAuliffe | Cuccinelli | Other (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opinion |
|--------|----|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 5/2/13 | RV | 41 | 46 | * | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 5/2/13 | LV | 41 | 51 | * | 4 | 0 | 3 |

12. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Will you definitely vote for (MCAULIFFE/CUCCINELLI), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for (CANDIDATE NOT NAMED)? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) : Would you say (there's a GOOD CHANCE) you'll change your mind, or would you say (it's PRETTY UNLIKELY)?

| Definitely vote for | -Chance change mind - NET Good | Unlikely | No opinion |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|

McAuliffe:
 5/2/13 RV 63 34 11 23 3

Cuccinelli:
 5/2/13 RV 56 40 17 23 4

13. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (McAuliffe/Cuccinelli), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

| | | ---- Enthusiastic --- | | | ---- Not enthusiastic --- | | | No |
|-------------|-----|-----------------------|----------|-----|---------------------------|------------|---------|----|
| | NET | Very | Somewhat | NET | Not so | Not at all | opinion | |
| McAuliffe: | | | | | | | | |
| 5/2/13 RV | 70 | 16 | 54 | 28 | 19 | 9 | 2 | |
| Cuccinelli: | | | | | | | | |
| 5/2/13 RV | 73 | 15 | 58 | 25 | 19 | 5 | 2 | |

14. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) As it stands now, how much do you know about [INSERT NAME] and his qualifications to be governor: Do you know a lot about [INSERT NAME], a fair amount, just a little, or nothing at all?

5/2/13 - summary table

| | --- Lot/Fair Amt --- | | | -----Little/None----- | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | A | A fair | | Just a | Nothing | No |
| | NET | lot | amount | NET | little | at all | opinion |
| a. McAuliffe | 30 | 6 | 23 | 70 | 36 | 33 | 1 |
| b. Cuccinelli | 47 | 12 | 35 | 52 | 29 | 24 | 1 |

Trend for comparison:

Deeds:

| | -----Lot/Fair Amt----- | | | -----Little/None----- | | | |
|------------|------------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| | | A | A fair | | Just a | Nothing | No |
| | NET | lot | amount | NET | little | at all | opin. |
| 10/7/09 LV | 67 | 13 | 55 | 32 | 28 | 5 | * |
| 8/14/09 RV | 37 | 6 | 31 | 62 | 39 | 23 | * |

McDonnell:

| | -----Lot/Fair Amt----- | | | -----Little/None----- | | | |
|------------|------------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| | | A | A fair | | Just a | Nothing | No |
| | NET | lot | amount | NET | little | at all | opin. |
| 10/7/09 LV | 73 | 16 | 56 | 27 | 23 | 4 | * |
| 8/14/09 RV | 37 | 7 | 30 | 62 | 38 | 25 | * |

15. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS WHO KNOW A LITTLE OR MORE ABOUT CANDIDATE) What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think about what (INSERT) stands for? (Open-end)

a. Terry McAuliffe

| | ----- 5/2/13 RV ----- | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | All | McAuliffe supporters | Cuccinelli supporters |
| Democrat | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Fair/equality | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Social issues/ abortion/ women's rights | 4 | 4 | 3 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| For the people/Knows what people want | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Dishonest/Corrupt | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Improving economy/jobs | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Friend of Bill/Hillary Clinton | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Liberal | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Government/ Big Government | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Business/Business promoter | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Higher taxes/Spending | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Progress/Moving things forward | 2 | 4 | * |
| Dislike Democrats | 2 | * | 5 |
| Stands for Himself/Selfish | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Moderate | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| School/Education | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Positive/Good | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Friend of Obama | 1 | * | 1 |
| Wrong/Mediocrity | 1 | * | 3 |
| Nothing | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Other | 11 | 14 | 8 |
| No opinion | 38 | 35 | 36 |

b. Ken Cuccinelli

| | ----- 5/2/13 RV ----- | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | All | McAuliffe supporters | Cuccinelli supporters |
| Economy/jobs/lower taxes | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| Conservative | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| Republican | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Honest/Good/Fairness/Values | 6 | * | 10 |
| Ultra conservative/Extreme/Reactionary | 5 | 12 | 1 |
| Constitution/The law | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Dislike him/Dislike policies | 3 | 6 | * |
| Anti-abortion/Abortion | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| For the people | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Dishonest/dysfunctional | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Against women/ women's rights | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Education/Schools | 1 | * | * |
| Defends rights | 1 | * | 1 |
| Anti-Obamacare/Health reform | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Strong beliefs/Stand up | 1 | * | 2 |
| Small government/Challenge federal gov't | 1 | * | 2 |
| Nothing | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Other | 17 | 22 | 13 |
| No opinion | 32 | 28 | 33 |

16. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Considering everything, are you satisfied with your choices in the governor's race, or do you wish that someone else was running?

| | Satisfied with choices | Wish someone else was running | No opinion |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 5/2/13 RV | 45 | 40 | 15 |
| 9/28/93 RV | 63 | 34 | 3 |

17. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How about if the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat), (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), and (Bill Bolling running as an independent) for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

| | McAuliffe | Cuccinelli | Bolling | Other (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opin. |
|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 5/2/13 RV | 34 | 38 | 15 | * | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 5/2/13 LV | 36 | 42 | 13 | 1 | 3 | * | 5 |

18. Please tell me if the following applies to [ITEM] - He has high personal moral and ethical standards?

5/2/13 - Summary table among all adults

| | ----- Yes ----- | | | ----- No ----- | | | No |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|
| | NET | Strngly | Smwht | NET | Smwht | Strngly | opinion |
| a. Terry McAuliffe | 44 | 10 | 33 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 44 |
| b. Ken Cuccinelli | 50 | 18 | 32 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 32 |
| c. Bob McDonnell | 59 | 24 | 35 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 25 |

5/2/13 - Summary table among registered voters

| | ----- Yes ----- | | | ----- No ----- | | | No |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|
| | NET | Strngly | Smwht | NET | Smwht | Strngly | opinion |
| a. Terry McAuliffe | 45 | 11 | 34 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 41 |
| b. Ken Cuccinelli | 54 | 20 | 34 | 19 | 8 | 11 | 28 |
| c. Bob McDonnell | 61 | 25 | 36 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 22 |

Questions 19 through 30 held for release.

31. Do you think people should be able to give as many personal gifts as they want to political candidates or officeholders in Virginia, or should there be limits on how much they can give?

| | Give as many gifts as they want | Should be limits on gifts | No opinion |
|--------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 5/2/13 | 20 | 74 | 5 |

32. Do you think elected officials in Virginia should or should not be required to disclose large gifts given to their immediate family members from non-family members?

| | Should | Should not | No opinion |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| 5/2/13 | 73 | 21 | 7 |

33. How closely, if at all, have you been following news about gifts and other political contributions from Star Scientific, a Virginia company, to state lawmakers-- very closely, somewhat closely, not-so-closely or not closely at all?

| | ---- Closely ---- | | | ---- Not closely ---- | | | No |
|--------|-------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | NET | Very | Smwt. | NET | Not so | At all | opinion |
| 5/2/13 | 32 | 9 | 23 | 67 | 23 | 44 | 1 |

Questions 34 through 37 held for release.

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or what?

| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent | Other | No op. |
|----------|----|----------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| 5/2/13 | | 28 | 26 | 33 | 8 | 4 |
| 5/2/13 | RV | 30 | 26 | 33 | 8 | 3 |
| 5/2/13 | LV | 30 | 28 | 34 | 8 | * |
| 10/26/12 | | 31 | 23 | 36 | 6 | 3 |
| 9/16/12 | | 32 | 24 | 35 | 5 | 4 |
| 5/2/12 | | 31 | 25 | 36 | 5 | 2 |
| 5/4/11 | | 31 | 22 | 36 | 7 | 4 |
| 10/25/09 | | 33 | 24 | 34 | 6 | 2 |
| 10/7/09 | | 33 | 25 | 34 | 6 | 2 |
| 9/17/09 | | 33 | 25 | 33 | 7 | 2 |
| 8/14/09 | | 31 | 28 | 37 | 3 | 1 |
| 10/25/08 | | 35 | 26 | 31 | 6 | 1 |
| 9/21/08 | | 33 | 24 | 34 | 7 | 2 |
| 10/8/07 | | 30 | 27 | 38 | 4 | 1 |
| 6/3/07 | | 34 | 27 | 28 | 4 | 6 |
| 10/12/06 | LV | 33 | 32 | 32 | 3 | * |
| 10/26/05 | LV | 33 | 37 | 26 | 3 | 1 |
| 9/9/05 | RV | 32 | 34 | 29 | 4 | * |
| 10/25/01 | LV | 31 | 37 | 26 | 5 | 1 |
| 8/23/01 | RV | 32 | 33 | 29 | 5 | 1 |
| 10/26/00 | LV | 33 | 32 | 28 | 6 | 1 |
| 8/27/00 | RV | 29 | 34 | 32 | 5 | 1 |
| 10/21/97 | LV | 31 | 32 | 31 | 5 | 1 |
| 9/16/97 | RV | 28 | 31 | 35 | 4 | 1 |
| 6/23/94 | | 29 | 29 | 32 | 8 | 2 |
| 9/28/93 | RV | 30 | 30 | 35 | 4 | 1 |
| 11/2/89 | LV | 33 | 32 | 31 | 3 | 1 |

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